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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN ARMED FORCES ALERT

1. IT IS GENERALLY KNOWN THROUGHOUT CAIRO DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY
THAT EGYPTIAN ARMED FORCES ARE ON STATE OF ALERT.

2. QUESTION IS WHY. ONE ANSWER HAS BEEN SUPPLIED TO US BY
GENERALLY WELL-INFORMED EGYPTIAN JOURNALIST WITH WHOM WE HAVE
MAINTAINED CONTACT OVER PAST TWO YEARS. HE HAS GENERALLY BEEN
RELIABLE ON INTERNAL DEVELOPMENTS. THIS SOURCE STATES THAT
EGYPTIAN ARMED FORCES ALERT IS "TOTAL." HE BELIEVES THAT REASON IS
GOE UNEASE ABOUT STATE OF DISSATISFACTION WITHIN EGYPTIAN
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MILITARY. SOURCE NOTED THAT THIS SUMMER "VERY LARGE

NUMBERS" OF ARMED FORCES PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN RETURNED TO CIVILIAN LIFE. THIS, PLUS EVIDENT COURSE OF EGYPT AWAY FROM POLICY OF CONFRONTATION, HAS CAUSED SERIOUS QUESTIONS TO BE RAISED WITHIN REST OF EGYPTIAN MILITARY ABOUT REASONS FOR THEIR PRESENCE. LEVEL OF DISSATISFACTION HAS RISEN. TO COUNTERACT THIS, SADAT HAS ORDERED INTENSIVE MANEUVERS AND RAISED STATE OF ALERT TO PRESENT HIGH LEVEL.

3. WE ARE UNABLE AT THIS POINT TO JUDGE LEVEL OF DISSATISFACTION WITHIN EGYPTIAN MILITARY, BUT BELIEVE THERE IS SOME CONFIRMATION REGARDING POINT ABOUT DEMOBILIZATION OF LARGE NUMBERS OF MILITARY PERSONNEL. LOCAL AFP BUREAU CHIEF, WHO IS AMONG BETTER-INFORMED MEMBERS CAIRO FOREIGN PRESS CORPS, TOLD US LAST MONTH THAT HIS SOURCES WERE REPORTING LARGE REDUCTION OF ARMED FORCES PERSONNEL. IN ADDITION, BRITISH AMBASSADOR ADAMS TOLD USINTOFF OCTOBER 3 OF MEETING HE HAD RECENTLY HAD WITH EGYPTIAN MANPOWER MINISTER. LATTER HAD TOLD ADAMS THAT AMONG HIS MOST DIFFICULT PROBLEMS WAS THAT OF FINDING JOBS FOR 50,000 MEN RECENTLY RELEASED FROM MILITARY SERVICE.
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